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"I'll perhaps send in the bill when I hear there's a possibility of getting cash payment," said Carter dryly.

And then for the first time Slade lost his temper, and he cursed his future son-in-law with all an old Coaster's point and fluency. Every man has his tender point, and here was Owe-it Slade's. Throughout all his life he had never paid a bill if he could help it, and he had accepted the conservent remarks of injured parties with an easy philosophy. But it seemed he owned a nice discrimination; some items were "debts of honor," and these he had always sooner or later contrived to settle. And the account which he decided he owed Carter for Laura's maintenance in Grand Canary he set down as one which no gentleman could leave unpaid without besinirching his gentility.

CHAPTER XIX. SENHOR CASCAES.

Now, an the servant of O'Neill and Craven, Carter had done his work well and linded enthusiatically, and after he had left the firm's employ he had left the had left the firm's employ he had left the had left the firm's employ he had left the had left the firm's employ he had left the had left the firm's employ he had left the ha

I work about ten times as hard as my neighbors, and draw in about seventeen times as much pay. I like a man who has get the same amittons.

The little saior sighed. I've always done ten times the normal whack of work, sir, but somehow I've missed lingering the dibs. I tell you flat, ourteen pounds a month has been good for me, and month in and month out the principal of the said carter briefs, 'just here should come the larring the young fortunes, Shake hands, Captain, Good-bye to you, good health and good luck. Here's my surf-boat. The steamer's heaving short.

Good-bye, sir,' said Kettle. I'm see you'll remember to send that check.

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The mail boat called as usual at Lag Palmas and was boarded on Arrival by the usual batch of invalids and Liverpool trippers for the run home. Carter landed as soon as the port dector gav elearance papers, rowed to the work of the control of the contro

caes doing here?"

"He's O'Neill and Craven's agent for Grand Canary. I thought you'd heard."

"No, it's news to me. It's news, moreover, that they had any business here that required an agent."

"They haven't."

"Hum," said Carter. "Miss O'Neill doesn't pay a salary without getting value for it. Now this is one of her deep-laid schemes."

Laura looked at him queerly. "Yes," she said, "this is one of Kate's deep-laid schemes, George. I wonder if you can see through it."

The sun above them scorched high, and the cool white buildings of the banana farmer threw the shortest of purple shadows. The fresh breath of the trade rustled the ferns and the pain leaves of the garden, and stirred the great masses of the bougainvillea into rhythmical movement. "It's grand to be in a place like this after a spell on the Coast," said Carter.

"Do you prefer it to England?" Laura asked pointedly.

Carter held down a sigh. "I belleve I do," he said steadily. "Come, now, old lady, what do you say? Shall we buy a property here in Grand Canary, and settle down, and grow the finest flower garden in the island?

"But roses are your favorite flower and they don't do well here in the South."

"Oh, il's roses that my father cares for, at least he and the mater together run the roses at home. But I think my taste runs more to bougainvillea, say—and great trees of scarlet geranium with stalks as thick as one's leg, and palms, and tree ferns. Besides, a garden means irrigation here, and I've agand palms, and tree ferns. Besides, a garden means irrigation here, and I've hover had a real water-works scheme of my own to play with since I was a kid and worked out a most wonderful system by the old smelt mill at home. Yes, we should have great times garden well as the continuence of the fill. But presently she brought him back to the matter they had been talking of before. We keep the continuence of the seeing fit to interfere with me, I don't interfere with me, I don't interfere with me, I don't intered with her."

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"I think you ought to defend what's your own."
"Certainly I shall. Can any one accuse me of not doing so? But I don't see why you keep harping on Cascaes. The man is an open admirer of Miss O'Neill's, and I suppose she's tickled thereby. Anyway that's the only reason I can see why she should have provided him with a job.
"To you mean to say you think it is Kate the Senhor Cascaes is running after?"

"Certainly I do. Who else was there at Mokki?"
"Do you think I've so few attractions then?"
"But, my good girl, you're engaged to me, and he knew it all along. There was no secret about our engagement. Everybody about the factory knew of it."

"And because a girl is engaged, or even married, do you think that's any bar to another man admiring her?"

"And because a girl is engaged, or bar to another man admiring her?"

"Carter whistled. "I've been a blind ass, and I must say I did refuse to listen to the highfaluth" nonsense Cascaes wanted to pour into my sympathetic ear. How often have you seen him here in Grand Canary?"

"He has called every day."

"That's not answering my question."
"George, dear, give me credit for loyalty. He told me one day when you were building that fort at Mokki that he liked me, and that if the Okkymen came he would die cheerfully before any harm should come to me; and I told him that he had no right to say such things to a girl who was engaged to you."

"Why wasn't I told of this?"
"Because he said to me he had nearly shot you once, and I was afraid that it there was any trouble, dear, you might "be hurt."

"You could have trusted me," said Carter dryly, "to keep my end up with a day of like that. Besides, if you'd given me the tip, I could have seen to it that I had the drop on him first."

Laura shivered, "You are rather mediaeval. I don't want to be fought for "Never when I could help it. Each day I've refused to see him when he came to the houre. But he has waited for me when I went out into the country, and once he was here in the garden out after lunch."

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"Except for running after you. I can imagine he does have plenty of time on his hands out here."

"Don't you think, George, he was sent to the island to have nothing to do except that?"

"Sent here who by? By Miss O'Neill, do you mean? Great Christopher! Laura, what morbli flet will you have in vour head next? I don't flatter myself that outside business Miss O'Neill eares whether I had not also of the own of the latter has for you, when you were kid, but you seemed to have outgrown any past civilities last time I saw you together on the const. Don't you go and run away with any wilden notions about Miss O'Neill. She's got one ammsement in the world, and that's to Lag Palmas, you can bet your best frock the only job he's got in view so far as she's concerned is dividend hunting. Apropes of which, I nearly forsot. Here's something to practice your autogranh in."

"Clever girl. Guessed it in once, I just onesed a credit for you down at the bank in Las Palmas, for flood to be going on with. That's for chocolate, and hairpins, and a manifiling, and ro f those tan ones, with the laces tied in a low just down over the toe, whilst I'm away squaring mine mat-

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